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CONFIDENTIAL
DRAWER

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 2212
Date 17.2.32

January 27, 2.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No.235/FOR/77(C.3), dated December 19, 1931, on the subject of one C.P. Godhard, and to state that the firm in question has been communicated with and informed that no action can be taken by the Metropolitan Police.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

D.C. (a.)

Commissioner of Police.

The Commissioner of Police
of the Metropolis,
New Scotland Yard,
London, S.W.I.

Form No. 3
G. 32,000-1-30

File No. 18/32.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Central Station,

REPORT

Date January 25, 1932.

Subject (in full) Attached file No. C. 5566.

Made by C. D. I. Mason. Forwarded by Jas G. Adams C.

Sir,

I beg to report that in connection with the above mentioned file I interviewed the manager of Messrs. Schmidt and Company.

During the interview this gentleman stated that he had no other information regarding Godhard other than that contained in his letter addressed to the Metropolitan Police. He was informed that in the absence of any further information no action was possible by either Police Force.

(Crime) Information JH 26/1/32.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

Mason.

C. D. I.

D. D. O. "A"

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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,
Shanghai, "A" Jan 22 1932.

To D. D. O. "A"

Sir,

Kindly note that file D. 2515 re C. Godhard attached to C 5566 is Confidential.

DD.
C.I.S.B. Registry

Noted
JH
DA.

Any further communication on the subject of this letter should be addressed to—

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
OF THE METROPOLIS,
NEW SCOTLAND YARD,
LONDON, S.W.1.

and the following No. quoted :—

235/FOR/77 (C.2)

Communications should not be addressed to individuals by name.
POSTAGE MUST BE PREPAID.

S... MUNICIPAL POLICE.
CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. C 4566/
Date 21/1/32

New Scotland Yard,

LONDON, S.W.1.

19 December, 1931

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to forward, for your information, the accompanying copy of a letter received from Messrs. Schmidt & Co., Sassoon Building, Nanking Road, Shanghai, respecting one C. P. Godhard, and to ask that you will be kind enough to have the writer informed that the matter is not one in which any action can be taken by the Metropolitan Police.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. Archer.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner

The Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai,
China.

COPY

SCHMIDT & CO.

Shanghai

Nanking Road, Sassoon Bldg.,

November 28th 1931

Officer in Charge
Police Force
Scotland Yard
London
(England)

Sir:-

Re: C. P. Godhard, British subject

This man was engaged with the Shanghai Municipal Council, Educational Department. His contract with the council was prematurely terminated on reasons unknown to us. He left the Council's service on July 16th 1931. One day previous to this he bought in our shop

1 Leica Camera with accessories at ..... Mex$ 571.20
and paid cash down an amount of ..... " 100. -
leaving a balance of ..... Mex$ 471.20
(which is at the present rate of exchange approximately £ stlg. 29.16/2)

He obtained the goods under false pretences, having produced his Council's Employment Contract as a guarantee, being fully aware, that his services were shortly to be terminated.

It transpires that G. has cheated several other parties here, which have approached the Shanghai Municipal Council, where these claims must be kept in files. We do not wish to take civil actions against G., since the matter is a purely criminal case.

To the Shanghai Municipal Council and H.M.Consulate General of Shanghai G. named as his address

c/o "The English Club" Rue Flamand, Nr. 11,
Bruges (Belgium)

.. is rumoured that letters forwarded to this address were non-delivered and returned to their local senders.

Since it is likely that G. has returned to England, we herewith respectfully ask that the necessary actions be taken to get hold of the man.

Yours obediently
SCHMIDT & CO.
(Sgd) ?

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. D. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 2515.
Date 26. 11. 31.

November 26 31.

Dear Blackburn,

With reference to your letter of November 21 to the address of the Commissioner, G.P. Godhard is believed to have left China for Rotterdam on July 17, 1931. When leaving he requested that letters for him be forwarded to :-

The English Club,
Rue Flamand No.11,
Bruges,
Belgium.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. Blackburn, Esq.,
H.B.M. Consulate-General.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. S.D. 2515
Date 25/11/S.31.

File No. _____

2. Station,

REPORT

Date Nov 25th 1931

CONFIDENTIAL DRAWER

Subject (in full) C.Powell.Godhard

Made by D. S. Moore Forwarded by

Regarding attached letter from the British Superintending Consul concerning the above named ex-S.M.C. employee.His home address is unknown,but when dismissed from the Council's service on July 16th 1931,he gave as a forwarding address " The English Club",Rue Flamand No 11, Bruges,Belgium and at the same time was given a steamer ticket to Rotterdam for which port he is believed to have departed for on July 17th 1931.

W.B. Moore.
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Mr Yao,
Please draft reply.
25:11:31.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 2575
BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
SHANGHAI.

21st November, 1931.

Captain R.M.J. Martin,
Commissioner of Police,
S.M.C.

My dear Martin,

We have received one or two complaints against C.P. Godhard who, I believe, was dismissed from the Council's service last July, and as we feel that we should do what we can to assist the injured parties, I wonder whether you can tell me his home address or where he went when he left China.

Yours sincerely,

A.D. Blackburn

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. D. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 2513 File No.
Date 18.6.31

REPORT

Dixwell Road Station,

Date 17th June 1931.

Subject (in full) Indecent Conduct of C. P. Godhard, Teacher at The Shanghai Public School for Boys.

Made by D. I. Schmidt. Forwarded by

Sir,

Reference D. C. (C. B.) remarks re pistol in possession of C. P. Godhard.

The undersigned interviewed C. P. Godhard at 11.45 a.m. July 17, at his flat in the Pearce Apartments. The following information was obtained:-

C. P. Godhard, until a few days ago was in possession of a S. V. C. Rifle and revolver, same being issued to him by the S. V. C. Office, in the capacity of drill instructor of the cadets at the Public School for Boys.

These weapons have been returned to the S. V. C. armory, quite recently and I am given to understand that Godhard has no other firearms in his possession at present.

H J Schmidt
D. I.
Senior Detective i/c.

D. D. O. "C" Division. R.G.

D. C.
(C.B.)

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C. & S. D. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. 2515 File No.
Date 16. 6. 31

Minnell Road Station,

REPORT

Date 15th June 1931.

Subject (in full) Indecent Conduct of C. P. Godhard, Teacher at The Shanghai Public School for Boys.

Made by D. I. Schmidt. Forwarded by R. Shellscell Insp

D.C. (C.B.)

Sir,

At 7.40 a.m. July 15, 1931, a telephone message was received from Mr. Hore, the A/Headmaster of the Public School for Boys, N. Szechuen Road, requesting a foreign detective to call at his office at 9 a.m.

The undersigned attended and was told by Mr. Hore, that the conduct of one of the Foreign teachers, a Mr. C. P. Godhard, has been disgraceful and indecent lately, and that he had received complaints from parents of boys attending school, and that he (Mr. Hore) was going to suspend this teacher, but being afraid that this man might cause trouble, he (Mr. Hore) requests the protection of an Police officer.

Mr. Hore, then called in this teacher (C. P. Godhard) and in the presence of the undersigned, explained to Godhard the complaints received and suspended him from further duties, also instructing him to leave the school grounds immediately and not to have any further contact with the school boys, pending instructions from the Municipal Educational Board.

Mr. C. P. Godhard, took his accusation and suspension calmly and left the school premises, without causing any trouble whatsoever.

Mr. Hore, the Acting Headmaster, at the request of the undersigned, then submitted further information regarding this matter, as follows:-

C. P. Godhard, British, (Australian), was engaged as a teacher for the Public School for Boys on Feb. 1931, on a three years agreement. Lately several members of the foreign teaching staff, had received information from their pupils re the conduct of C. P. Godhard. It appears that he (Godhard) was in the habit of inviting

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Made by D. I. Schmidt. Forwarded by

school boys to his rooms at the F. Y. M. C. A. and there he misbehaved himself by his indecent manners.

This matter was being investigated by the A/Headmaster, with a view of obtaining more facts, when a few days ago the parents of a Russian school boy named "Dobrenko" furnished further information.

This boy, aged 14, was invited by Godhard to visit his rooms at the F. Y. M. C. A. while there Godhard played a gramophone, undressed the boy, took off his own clothing and both danced around the room, while Godhard committed indecent acts during this performance.

The management of the F. Y. M. C. A. heard something about this and Godhard was subsequently expelled from the "Y".

Mr. Hore, then took immediate action as already stated and the matter is at present in the hands of the Municipal Educational Board.

C. P. Godhard, resides at present at the "Pearce Apartments" Flat 41, Boone Road. It seems that Godhard at times has abnormal lapses and as it is believed that he has a pistol in his possession, observation may prevent acts, which an unbalanced mind is capable of doing.

Mr. Hore, has given me to understand, that the parents of the boy (Dobrenko) do not wish any publicity re this unfortunate occurrence, and has asked me to treat this matter strictly confidential, pending the outcome of the investigation by the Municipal Educational Board.

H. J. Schmidt
D. I.

D. D. O. "C" Division. Senior Detective i/c.

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R. Leonard
D.D.O.C.